



December 10, 2018

President Shannon Hardin
Columbus City Council
90 W. Broad St.
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear President Hardin:

The Arnold Sports Festival appreciates the Columbus City Council's leadership in the discussion about proposed ticket taxes to benefit the arts and facilities in our community.

The reduction of the initially discussed 7 or 8 percent tax to 5 percent and the exemption of non-profit associations and smaller events and venues will positively impact many of our event coalition members.

As such, the Arnold Sports Festival no longer opposes the proposed ticket taxes and hopes all involved can avoid any type of referendum that would serve only to divide our great Columbus community.

Sincerely,

Jim Lorimer
CEO & Co-Founder
Arnold Sports Festival